

COUNTY NEWS.

Flower Sunday at Grand Ridge.

Flower Sunday was observed both in the morning and in the evening at the Presbyterian church. The exercises in the evening were particularly interesting.

The church was elaborately decorated with choice potted plants and cut flowers. Over the altar was a festooning of evergreen from the center of which was suspended a floral star, and in either side of the above were floral crosses. A pyramid of choice potted plants, together with banks of cut flowers formed a back ground, an attempt to describe the appearance of the church is useless; it was indeed flower Sunday at Grand Ridge.

Altho' the exercises did not begin until 7:45, yet at seven the house was crowded. The exercises were opened by a beautifully rendered anthem by the choir, composed of the Misses Finley and Whitney and Messrs Lewis and Poundstone.

The following programme was then presented:

Singing, by the school. Prayer, Mr. F. H. Poundstone. Chorus, "Loyal to Jesus," young ladies. Recitation, a version of the 23d Psalm, Ralph Poundstone and Freddie Peasley. The Star of Hope, a class drill by Miss French. Recitation, "Children's Day," by Miss Etta Poundstone. Solo, "Whither than snow," by Litta Poundstone. Recitation, "Hymn for Flower Sunday," Miss Winnie Yocum. Recitation, "Lost and Found," Miss Retta Jackson. Vocal solo, "The Lost Chord," Miss Olive Walney. Recitation, "Until we Meet Again," Miss Gertrude Hodgman. "Have you heard of Jesus?" a class drill, by Miss Read.

Misses Bertha Finley, Mollie Read and Anna French deserve especial praise for the manner in which the class drills were conducted.

The recitation, by Ralph Poundstone and Freddie Peasley, was nicely spoken.

Miss Ella Poundstone spoke unusually well. Little Lillie Poundstone is but four years old. Her song was highly appreciated.

Miss Winnie Yocum's recitation was very interesting. Her gestures and tones were perfect.

That Miss Jackson's soul was in her recitation was very plain to be seen. Enough cannot be said in praise of Miss Whitney's solo.

Ora Hornick's recitation, for a novice, was well spoken, and her gestures graceful and pretty.

To Mrs. Hale, and other ladies of the church, we extend our heartiest thanks, as to their taste and skill we owe the delightful arrangements.

Chorus, "Hosanna to His Name," by Miss Read's class, assisted by Miss Bertha Finley's. Recitation, "The Little Gleaners," Gertrude Vance, Eddie Finley, Ralph Parshall, Earl Zibbell. Recitation, "How Little Beasts fell asleep," Miss Anna Brady. Chorus, "Gallies," young ladies Quartette, Misses Finley and Whitney, Messrs Lewis and Poundstone.

The choir deserve especial praise for their excellent singing. Dr. Lewis' tenor is very fine, and seldom equalled; Mr. Poundstone's bass is deep and powerful; Miss Finley has a remarkably clear and pure voice, which show culture and training; Miss Whitney has a very sweet voice, which held the audience in rapt attention during her solo.

Miss Ella Poundstone recited finely. Miss Katie Read has a well modulated, distinct voice, and performed her recitation nicely.

Miss Gertrude Hodgman's recitation, "Auf Wiedersehen," (till we meet again), was exceptionally fine, and deserving of our heartiest praise.

Miss Hodgman's rendition, which was original, was a combination of the narrative, pathetic and sublime style, and held the audience who listened with a rapturous and intense interest.

Enough cannot be said of the flowers, as it was the finest display ever seen in the Presbyterian church of Grand Ridge. There was some talk of having it photographed. Miss Fisher's potted plants were the loveliest.

Rev. A. F. Hale should be congratulated on the success of his efforts.

His text in the morning was 1st Sam. 20, 28 and 29.

Miss Mollie Read, as organist, performed well the instrumental part of the music. Her volunaries were splendid.

Miss French also deserves our kindest thanks for her services, which were of the best.

Ransom Notes.

Another cold wave on last Sunday. Many of the Sons of Veterans will go to the annual encampment, a week hence, at Moine, Ill.

The recent disturbance at the last meeting of the village council has been considerably exaggerated by some, but there is sufficient trouble at the bottom to call for the exercise of rare judgment in dealing with the subject. It was an outbreak against the action of the marshal. Of late a strong feeling had grown up among some of the board, owing to a difficulty between Mayor McCoy and the marshal. The council have appointed Jackson Wright as marshal, although the board disclaimed any intention to wound or hurt Mr. Cote's feelings.

Michael Grolin is establishing a telegraph line from Ransom to his residence. Mr. G. said he was in need of an apparatus, but he doesn't give it away, now, he concluded with such confidence in me that I trust this may escape his notice. We would say to him: "Peace within thy walls; prosperity within thy palace."

Mr. J. L. Summers is very poorly. Baseball is all the rage. One more to make the nine. Come, boys.

Our worthy section boss got the bounce. We will celebrate the Fourth of July in Ransom. Our townsmen are making arrangements for a big time.

A number of our citizens visited Streator last Friday to see Barnum's gigantic circus. All say there is so much to see that no one could do the matter justice in one visit.

Several long faces could be seen in the postoffice on Saturday when the post mistress announced that the FREE TRADER had not come.

B. Anschel is improving his store lot by a new fence. Ransom tile factory is having a big run on brick. R. J. Roberson is a business man and a hustler.

Miss Jennie Ryan is visiting friends in Pontiac. Democrat headquarters at F. A. Bosley's and P. N. Weber's.

Republicans headquarters at J. W. Trause's and John McKay's. Political excitement reigns supreme.

Leland's Ledger.

An ice cream and strawberry festival was held in Kennedy's Hall on Friday evening last for the benefit of the Good Templars. The members of the Lodge and—and—well'er lots of other folks were there.

Hale Francis has had to replant sixty acres of sod corn. The grub worms destroyed the seed.

Rev. N. E. Bore attended the yearly conference of the Norwegian Lutheran Church at Ancker, Minn., last week.

Miss Ida Hausen was the guest of relatives in Chicago last week and this.

Fred Newshaver will be a citizen of Leland in a few days. He has rented a house in town.

Horace Warren can now move about. His broken collar bone is all right again.

Lost and Gleanings.

New stock yards and track scales are topics of conversation. We are glad they are coming, as they are badly needed.

Misses Mary Mitchell and Bertha Beck, with and Messrs. R. Spencer and Ed Kemp of Magnolia, Sunday in town.

Miss Williams, of Clear Creek, spent last Sunday here as the guest of Miss Estella Hillman.

Dr. E. R. Atwood and Mrs. A. C. Consul were married by Rev. E. J. Baskerville.

The funny man of the Tonica Yocum needs a great big dose of salts to clean the bile off his stomach. A man who only sees Leland once a week has no cause to kick because he cannot get all the news.

We live here seven days in the week. The exercises for Children's day in the M. E. church tomorrow will be quite elaborate. A good attendance is requested.

Joe Hannum was made joyous on Thursday by the arrival of a little girl.

Frank Atwood and Miss Nellie Ball are delegates to the meeting of the Ottawa Baptist Association, now in session at Ulica.

Dayton.

The evening accommodation Saturday ran into a drive of five or six horses, between here and Wedron, and broke the legs of three of them so that they were obliged to be shot. They were being passed over on hand belonging to M. O. Trumbo, Esq., and as the railroad fence was rotten they had broken through and got on the track. Two of the horses were valued at one hundred dollars each, and one at one hundred and twenty-five dollars. The R. R. Co. will no doubt make good the loss.

The Flower Sunday Concert June 3d at the school house, given by the Sunday school, was quite a success, and was well attended.

Mr. John Green, and his mother spent a few days in Leland last week.

Mr. William George, eldest son of H. B. George Esq., of Leland, died June 6th, at his home in Spring View, Nebraska. From the Chicago papers we learn that he died of the glanders caught from a horse which had that disease. He had been keeping a hotel and livery, but had sold out and had all of his household goods packed ready to move further West. His relatives and friends in this vicinity sympathize heartily with his bereaved parents, brother and sister, in their sad bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hudson lost their little child last week and buried it here last Sunday.

The nomination of Cleveland and Thurman gives universal satisfaction among the terrified Democracy in this vicinity. The Cleveland rose and the red bandana are bound to win this fall with an overwhelming majority.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Williams are visiting friends and relatives in town. They expect to go East soon.

TRUMBO—VAN ETTAN.

MARRIED Wednesday, June 13th by the Rev. Gault, of Aurora, Illinois, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Trumbo, Dayton, Illinois, their daughter Jessie to Wilmet Van Ettan.

The large and commodious residence of the bride's parents was neatly and tastefully decorated for the occasion with flowers and evergreens, and a large number of relatives and friends of the bride and groom were present to participate in the wedding ceremonies.

At one p. m. during the familiar tones of Mendelssohn's wedding march, read on the piano by Miss Davis, the wedding party consisting of the ushers, Messrs. A. E. Butters and John Green, flower bearers, Barble Green and George Wright, the bride and groom entered the parlor and presented themselves before the Rev. Gault, who in a short and impressive manner repeated the marriage service.

The congratulations to the newly wedded pair were many and sincere, and all wished them much joy and a life full of happiness and prosperity.

The wedding feast was a grand affair, and the tables were loaded with choice and tempting viands. The bride and groom departed on the 3:50 p. m. accommodation for Chicago, from whence they will go east to make a short visit among the groom's relatives and friends in New York.

The bride is one of Dayton's fairest daughters, and we trust will not be obliged to leave our midst.

The groom has been station agent here for a couple of years, and has formed a large circle of friends and acquaintances who hope he and his fair bride may make their future home among them.

The wedding presents were many and elegant, and showed the respect and esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Van Ettan are held by their many friends and acquaintances. About eighty guests were present.

OCCASIONAL.

Farm Ridge.

Weather fine; corn improving, quite a number of farmers still replanting, cut worms very destructive, finest prospect for oats we have had for many years.

William Carey is shipping some very fine cattle and getting good prices. Has some three hundred on hand that has been fed all winter.

Mark Trude is laid up with rheumatism. E. Finley & Co. have been doing a large business in twine; has sold about all their first purchase, and is expecting another supply. In harvesters and mowers they have a fine trade.

Mr. and Miss Whitney have had a very fine school through the winter and spring, giving good satisfaction; so much so that they have the school for the coming winter.

A. T. Hayer brought in from Chicago one car load of cows; looks as though he was going into the milk business.

R. J. Hornick takes in the sights at Streator today.

Tonica Items.

The strawberry and ice cream festival at the hall on Saturday evening was fairly well attended, and every body had, or seemed to have had a good time. Let these festivals become more frequent ladies. They are pleasant and entertaining.

Children's day was celebrated at the Congregational Church on Sunday evening under the auspices of the Society of Christian Endeavor. At the Baptist church a good programme was presented, and the Methodists gave up both services to the young people.

The recent warm weather coupled with the rains of the past few weeks, makes the corn crop a possibility. Oats are thriving and garden stuffs are doing well.

Our hotel is now being refitted and re-furnished by Fairchild, and will be called the "Fairchild House." New furniture

has been put in and the house is now very attractive.

Grand Rapids Matters.

A good rain is needed here at present, and by the looks on Friday morning it is near at hand. Oats good, hay fair.

W. G. Trumbo has finished his duties as assessor. He made neither fish of one nor flesh of another.

Error in the last; it should have been I. Hanna and ex-assessor Thompson.

Grant Baker spent Sunday with his best girl.

Tramps are as plenty as young turkeys. Charley Schmidt is going to quit farming if he does not get a stand of corn this time, and look for the office of supervisor. Cyclone informs him that it takes money to "get there."

John Poundstone has some sad corn that can not be surpassed in the four towns around.

Ed McCormick is on the road east; best be on the look out, girls.

Constable Schober is on the road all the time.

Squire Lewis is fully qualified and is ready to try any case that may come before him.

John Bute is a No. 1 farmer, for his corn shows it, and can harrah for Cleveland and Thurman.

At the Greenbush farm there are some sixty head of horses pasturing; all trotters, and are some of the finest blooded.

Some of our school houses did look ridiculously poor the way the fences are kept. The Prospect Hill is the nearest in the town. It has been thoroughly renovated and looks handsome. Let the cleaners come over our way.

A bomb came hustling in our midst last week—not an anarchist's bomb, but a terrible threat from red head, but we don't scare about.

The party give at P. H. McCormick's residence, was a grand success and was largely attended, there being about 25 couples present.

Lieut. H. C. Dickerman was in Ottawa to attend the horse sale in full bloom with his Shetland ponies. He is the luckiest man I ever met, and I don't see why he can not bring Mrs. H. C. home with him.

Roman Schmidt is the boss on farming at present.

Monticello Seminary.

This institution observed its fiftieth anniversary on Tuesday last. A class of seventeen young ladies graduated, and from one to two thousand guests were present. Among them were Gov. Oglesby and wife, ex-Gov. Palmer and wife, and many state officials from Springfield. Capt. Benjamin Godfrey, from whom the town was named, laid the foundations of this institution, by his munificent gift. Thousands of girls have had its moulding influence, beginning from a half century ago, when there was no school in all the valley of the Mississippi.

A stone building 110x44 feet, five stories high, stands in a campus of thirty acres, and arching avenues of elms, a delightful promenade and playground. Among the features of the Monticello (mount of heaven) are its high grade of fellowship. Its ample and wide fields of learning in English literature, in ancient and modern languages, in music and painting, &c. &c., its mild winter climate, and its central place in the national domain, its pupils from Maine to Texas, and from across the seas; the vivacity, sprightliness and cheerfulness of its home life, make this institution, so little known outside of Chicago, in Northern Illinois, a choice spot for study in life's loveliest years. No expense is spared to make it a success. Its graduates are providing scholarship funds for those needing them, so that the poorer may share with the richer in advantages of education here.

It was observed by Mrs. Grundy on the anniversary day that she knew some of the young ladies in the graduating class were worth some millions of dollars in their own right, and others were daughters from wealthy families, yet not one ornament of gold or silver or precious stone, was seen. Miss Haskell, principal for more than twenty years, displayed her scholars and their accomplishments in mind and manners; not their diamonds or gold or clothes. Yet Miss Haskell is no agrarian, but a woman from way down East in Maine, supplied amply with grit and yankee notions, and a good solid bank account.

Grand Excursion to California.

The Burlington Route is the official route for the teachers bound for the National Educational meeting at San Francisco. Official train from Ohio leaves Chicago via C. B. & Q. at 6:00 p. m., July 5th—train of tourist sleeping and Pullman cars. The official train from Michigan leaves Chicago via C. B. & Q. at 1:00 p. m., July 10th—free chair cars; also Pullman and dining cars, direct to Denver without change. The official train from Indiana leaves Chicago via C. B. & Q. at 1:00 p. m. July 3d; leaves Peoria same date. The official New York and Pennsylvania trains leave Chicago via C. B. & Q., Sunday, July 8th. These magnificent special excursions via Denver and the scenic route of the world—the Denver and Rio Grande—will be under the personal supervision of the Educational Directors of the above named states. Special chair cars and sleepers for the Illinois delegation will be attached to official Michigan train, leaving Chicago July 10th at 1:00 p. m., and run direct to Denver, only one night en route. Take this train at principal points on main line. One fare for the round trip. For further information in regard to these excursions, address P. S. Eustis, G. P. & T. A. C. B. & Q. R. R., Chicago, Ill.

Some names of the Mendota delegation to Springfield, were omitted last week, (though we made no attempt at giving a full list.) They were: Geo. Madden, Louis Waldough, A. Marrison, Archie McBride, Aug. Meisenbach, William Faber, G. A. Killenberger, E. S. Browne.

Indiana democrats are incensed at the action of the convention in ignoring Gray, and admit they cannot save the State from the republicans.—Streator Free Press.

Point out a democrat in Indiana who admits this; not Governor Gray, not Voorhees, certainly.

One hundred million dollars more than is needed is extorted annually from the American people. But this wrong, great as it is, is slight when compared to the tremendous evils which grow out of it. The complete destruction of healthful business competition rendered possible by this vicious system has resulted in a growth of great private conspiracies against the public interest called "trusts" and monopolies, and this is a much greater wrong which resulted from a violation of the above stated principle. No government has a right to levy a cent more by taxation than is needed for its economical administration; infinitely less has it a right to maintain a system of taxation which enables one part of the community to rob the rest.—Philadelphia Herald.

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EMPIRE 2378

(Matter record, 2:35.)

By Grand Sentinel, 2:47, 3 years.

By Mambrino Patchen, 38, sire of 15 in 2:20 list.

Dam: Favorite, 2:34, at 5 years old.

Dam of Favorite: Wilkes, 2:25, 2 years.

Daily Spangler can trot in 2:20.

Empire, 3:28, 2 years.

Westwood, 3:30, Hambleton, 2:34.

By Alex. Abdullah 15, son of Hambleton 10.

Keweenaw is a bay horse, 17 hands high, weighs 1,300 pounds, and is one of the finest of trotting coach stallions, and is a trotter himself and is the sire of trotters; his dam has a record of 2:31, and is the dam of five that have trotted in from 2:35 to 2:42.

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